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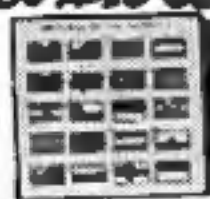
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# The Shield of Auray



THE PANOPLY OF WAR MAY CHANGE OVER THE CENTURIES, BUT TO THE FIGHTING MAN, THE TOOLS OF HIS PROFESSION BECOME SYMBOLS OF COURAGE AND OF HONOUR. THIS IS THE STORY OF HOW ONE SUCH SYMBOL OF HONOUR - THE SHIELD OF AURAY - ONCE AGAIN INSPIRED MEN TO VALOUR - IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR.



## Chapter 1. *The Noble Knight*

ALL DAY THE BATTLE HAD RAGED BETWEEN THE KING OF FRANCE AND THE ASSEMBLED MIGHT OF HIS REBELLIOUS NOBLES.



IN AN AGE WHEN ALLEGIANCE TO ONE MAN MEANT EVERYTHING TO THE FIGHTING RANKS, THE DEATH OF THE KING COULD SPELL DISASTER...



SPRAWLED HELPLESSLY  
IN HIS ARMOUR, THE  
FRENCH KING WAITED  
FOR THE FINAL BLOW.

ALL IS  
LOST...

BE AT PEACE,  
YOUR HIGHNESS.  
NONE SHALL  
TOUCH YOU  
WHILE ROGER  
D'AURAY  
LIVES!



SO IT WAS THAT ROGER  
D'AURAY DEFENDED HIS  
KING IN THE BITTER  
HEAT OF THE CONFLICT.

COME,  
YOU DOGS!  
ROGER D'AURAY  
CHALLENGES  
YOU ALL!





THAT BOLD  
CHALLENGE  
WAS TAKEN  
UP FIRST OF  
ALL BY AN  
AMBITIOUS  
DUKE...



CUNNINGLY, D'AURAY  
DEFLECTED THE  
DUKE'S LANCE POINT -  
THEN HIS MACE  
WHIRLED WITH  
DEADLY ACCURACY...

THE  
FIRST / WHO  
WILL BE  
NEXT ?



KNIGHT AFTER KNIGHT HURLED HIMSELF AT THE DEFIANT FIGURE OF ROGER D'AURAY. MACE BROKEN, THE KNIGHT SEIZED HIS MIGHTY BATTLE AXE AND FOUGHT ON WITHOUT RESPIRE...



ROGER D'AURAY'S BLAZONED SHIELD SAVED THE KING'S LIFE NOT ONCE BUT MANY TIMES ON THAT DAY OF BATTLE...

IF I LIVE  
THROUGH THIS  
DAY, I SHALL NOT  
FORGET THE SIEUR  
ROGER D'AURAY.



BUT THE REMORSELESS PRESSURE TOLD ON EVEN D'AURAY'S GIANT FRAME. BEATEN AND BLUDGEONED TO HIS KNEES, HIS ARMOUR RINGING UNDER THE BLOWS, HE SANK DOWN ABOVE THE KING...

THERE IS THE KING! PRAY HEAVEN HE IS STILL ALIVE!

SEE - THE KNIGHT PROTECTS THE KING WITH HIS OWN SHIELD!



THE NEWCOMERS DROVE OFF THE ATTACKERS AND RUSHED TO THE AID OF THE KING AND ROGER D'AURAY. THE KING LIVED!

YOUR HIGHNESS - WITH YOUR SAFETY FRANCE LIVES AGAIN!

WE WILL SWEEP THEM FROM THE FIELD NOW. GOOD CONSTABLE, SEE TO THIS NOBLE KNIGHT - HE IS SORE WOUNDED IN DEFENCE OF MY PERSON.





WHEN THE LAST REMNANTS OF THE REBEL ARMY HAD BEEN HUNTED DOWN, THE KING SUMMONED ROGER D'AURAY TO HIS PAVILION.

THIS IS THE KNIGHT WHO SAVED YOUR LIFE, YOUR HIGHNESS—THE SIEUR ROGER D'AURAY.

NEVER WILL I FORGET HOW THE SHIELD OF AURAY PROTECTED ME...



IT IS MY WISH THAT YOU SHALL RECEIVE YOUR SHIELD'S WEIGHT IN GOLD... AND THAT YOU CONTINUE TO SERVE FRANCE AS YOU HAVE TODAY...

MY SHIELD AND SWORD ARM SHALL ALWAYS BE YOURS, HIGHNESS!



ALL THE VILLAGE OF AURAY TURNED OUT TO WELCOME HOME THEIR WARRIORS.

WE RETURN WITH HONOUR-AND ALL OF US RETURN! NOT ONE FROM AURAY FELL IN THE BATTLE!



IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED THAT TRIUMPHAL HOMECOMING ROGER D'AURAY SENT FOR A RENOWNED GOLDSMITH.

TAKE THE SHIELD OF AURAY, MASTER GOLDSMITH, AND WITH THE GOLD GIVEN BY THE KING OF FRANCE MAKE A SHIELD OF SOLID GOLD!





BUT ROGER D'AURAY'S WIFE HEARD THIS STRANGE ORDER-AND PROTESTED INDIGNANTLY.

STAY, MASTER GOLDSMITH! ROGER, WE NEED THE GOLD TO REPAIR THE CASTLE, FOR SO MANY THINGS



BUT ROGER D'AURAY HAD THOUGHT LONG ON THIS MATTER-AND WOULD NOT BE DENIED.

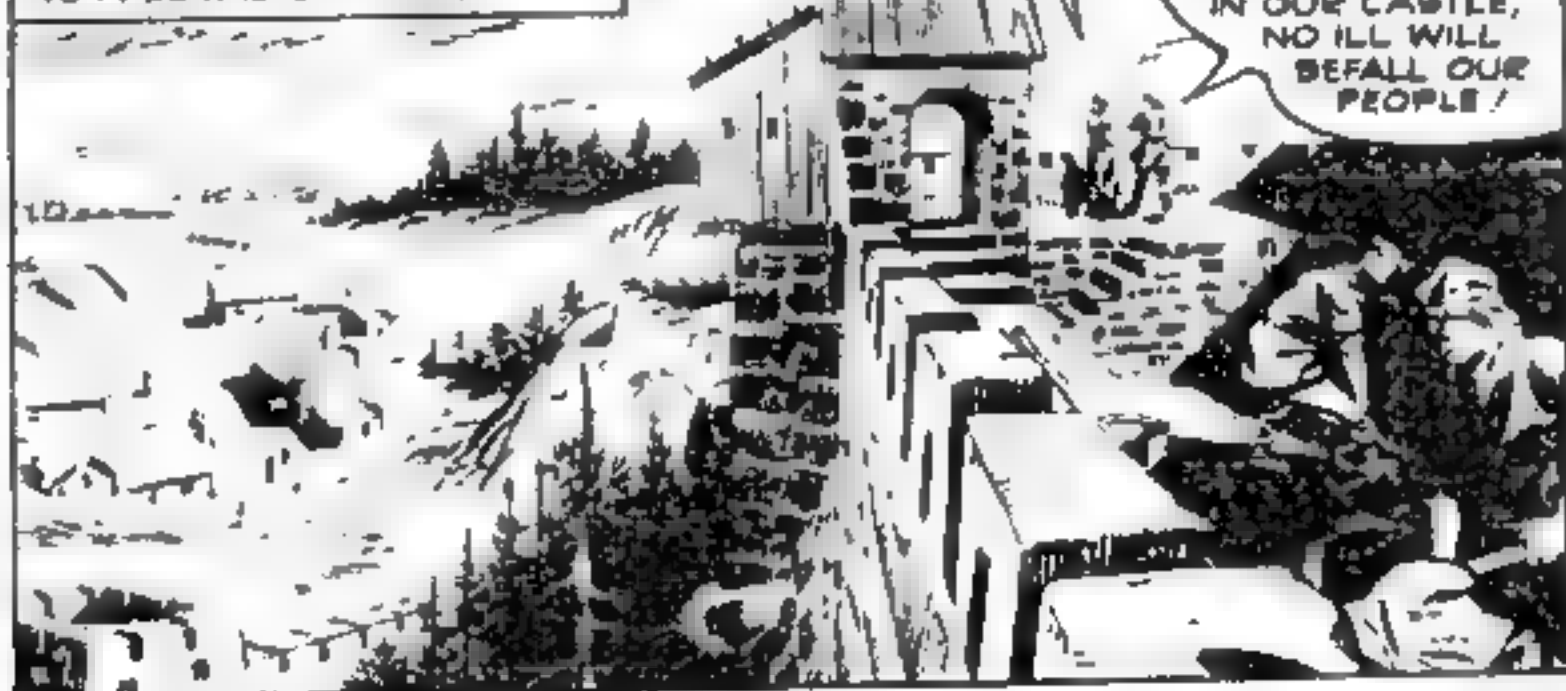
THE SHIELD WON HONOUR ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE YSANNE THE GOLD WAS NO PETTY PAYMENT FOR WHAT I DID NO, THIS IS THE COURSE OF HONOUR FOR A KNIGHT OF FRANCE!



BUT FROM THAT DAY, THE FORTUNES OF THE HOUSE OF AURAY PROSPERED. MEN TALKED OF THE GOLDEN SHIELD OF AURAY-AND THE KING HEARD. HE WAS MUNIFICENT IN HIS GIFTS TO A LOYAL SUBJECT...

YOU WERE RIGHT, ROGER NEVER HAS OUR FORTUNE BEEN SO BRIGHT AS NOW

WE OWE IT ALL TO THE GOLDEN SHIELD OF AURAY, YSANNE. WHILE THAT REMAINS SECURE IN OUR CASTLE, NO ILL WILL BEFALL OUR PEOPLE!



AND AS THE GENERATIONS PASSED NO GREAT ILL TROUBLED THE VILLAGE OF AURAY. A FINE CHATEAU WAS BUILT OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE. BUT THE GREY, GRIM CASTLE STILL SLUMBERED ON ITS HILL.





## Chapter 2. *The Dark Days*

NEAR FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS AFTER ROGER D'AURAY HAD BEEN LAID TO REST IN THE CHURCHYARD OF AURAY FIRE AND DESTRUCTION WAS ONCE MORE LOOSED UPON FRANCE AS THE HORDES OF NAZI GERMANY CROSSED HER BORDERS



IN THE MAGNIFICENT CHATEAU D'AURAY, MADAME LYSETTE, WIFE TO CHARLES D'AURAY, PONDERED BLEAKLY ON THE BLACK FUTURE

EVERYTHING IS PACKED, MADAME WE MUST HURRY, LES BOCHES ARE VERY NEAR

AH, THAT WE MUST LEAVE ALL THIS— TO THOSE BARBARIANS! PIERRE— COME WITH ME WE MUST FETCH THE MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSION OF ALL

WITH HER HUSBAND ON DUTY IN THE MAGINOT LINE AND HER SON, ROGER TRAINING IN ENGLAND, LYSETTE D'AURAY HAD TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FAMILY AND ITS TREASURES.

THE GOLDEN SHIELD OF AURAY! BUT, MADAME YOU KNOW THE LEGENDS— THE SHIELD MUST ALWAYS REMAIN IN AURAY

I KNOW THE LEGENDS, PIERRE, BUT IF WE LEFT IT HERE, YOU KNOW WHAT THE NAZIS WOULD DO WITH IT

PIERRE THE STEWARD WAS NOT ONE TO ARGUE WITH HIS MISTRESS, BUT HE REMEMBERED THE STORIES HE HAD HEARD AS A CHILD, HOW THE GOLDEN SHIELD HAD SAVED AURAY FROM ALL HARM THROUGH THE CENTURIES

THERE IT HANGS AS IT HAS DONE FOR NEARLY THREE HUNDRED YEARS - SINCE IT WAS BROUGHT FROM THE CASTLE TO THE CHATEAU.



STAGGERING UNDER THE WEIGHT, PIERRE TOOK THE PRECIOUS SYMBOL OF HONOUR OUT TO THE WAITING CAR...

HURRY, PIERRE!

WE ARE TAKING AWAY FROM AURAY ALL THAT HAS MADE IT GREAT...





LESS THAN HALF AN HOUR AFTER THE GOLDEN SHIELD HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM AURAY, THE VILLAGE SUSTAINED THE MOST SAVAGE ATTACK IT HAD EXPERIENCED IN OVER FIVE HUNDRED YEARS!



THIS IS THE END OF AURAY! THEY HAVE TAKEN THE SHIELD AWAY AND OUR LUCK CHANGES!

UNDER THE HEEL OF THE NAZI CONQUERORS, AURAY BEGAN A PERIOD OF TERROR WHEN SUDDEN DEATH STALKED THE NIGHT

THE FOOLS BREAK THE CURFEW- THEN THEY MUST BE TAUGHT A LESSON!



THERE WAS A MAJOR STOLZ IN COMMAND OF THAT DISTRICT, A MAN WHO HATED THE FRENCH AND RELISHED THE POWER OVER THEM HIS POSITION GAVE HIM

WE WILL HAVE NO TROUBLE IN AURAY, HERR MAJOR - THE TOWNSPEOPLE'S NERVE IS BROKEN.

JA, HALPTMANN REISNER, IT SEEMS THEIR TALISMAN, A GOLDEN SHIELD, WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM THE VILLAGE BEFORE WE ARRIVED A CITY



MAJOR STOLZ GRINNED RUEFULLY - HE WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE MELTED DOWN THAT GOLD.

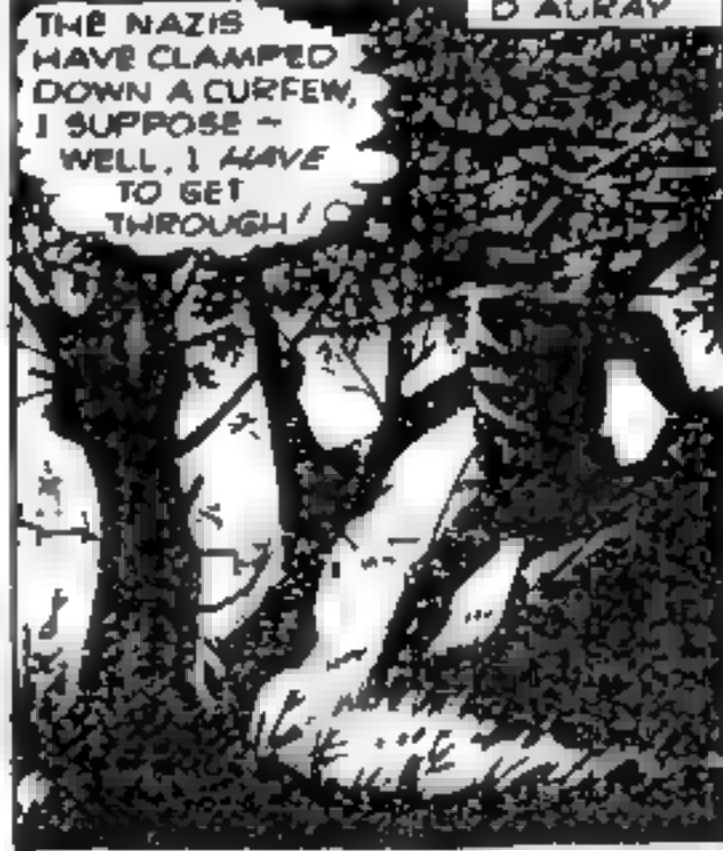
THE DOGS MUST ACKNOWLEDGE US THEIR MASTERS - WE WILL NOT RELAX OUR RESTRICTIONS ONE IOTA - REMEMBER THAT, REISNER

JAWOHL, HERR MAJOR.



THEN, SOME MONTHS LATER, A SOLITARY FIGURE CAUTIOUSLY APPROACHED THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE VILLAGE IT WAS CHARLES D'AURAY

THE NAZIS HAVE CLAMPED DOWN A CURFEW, I SUPPOSE - WELL, I HAVE TO GET THROUGH!





EASILY EVADING THE PATROLS IN HIS BELOVED VILLAGE WHICH HE KNEW SO WELL CHARLES D'AURAY CAME TO A LITTLE WINE SHOP.



AT LAST THE PROPRIETOR, RAOUL VERNIER, OPENED THE DOOR CAUTIOUSLY AND PEERED OUT HE CHOKED BACK AN EXCITED CRY..

THE MASTER!  
WELCOME TO  
OUR HOME BUT  
THINGS ARE NOT  
WELL IN AURAY  
THESE DARK  
DAYS

MY WIFE? THE  
GOLDEN SHIELD  
OF AURAY?



SICK AT HEART, CHARLES D'AURAY WAS TOLD HOW HIS WIFE, LYSETTE, HAD FLED WITH THE GOLDEN SHIELD WHEN THE NAZIS HAD OVERCOME FRANCE AND OF THE ILLS THAT HAD FOLLOWED.

SHE SHOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN AURAY'S PROTECTION AWAY - YET.

SHE DID RIGHT, MASTER! THE BOCHE WOULD HAVE STOLEN IT LIKE THEY STEAL EVERYTHING.

TRUE, WIFE - YET THE LEGENDS WERE RIGHT AURAY FACES THE WORST TIME IN HER WHOLE HISTORY!

BUT CHARLES D'AURAY WAS A TRUE DESCENDANT OF A GALLANT BREED.

THE GOLDEN SHIELD OF AURAY MAY NO LONGER PROTECT US -

... BUT WE ARE NOT GIVING UP THE STRUGGLE, AURAY FIGHTS ON!

WHEN ENGLAND  
STOOD ALONE  
AGAINST THE NAZIS.  
MEN OF MANY  
NATIONALITIES  
VOLUNTEERED TO  
SERVE UNDER THE  
UNION JACK TO  
CAPTAIN STANLEY  
MURRAY OF THE  
NEW COMMANDOS.  
CAME THE JOB  
OF SELECTING A  
MINIATURE  
FOREIGN LEGION

HE SEEMED  
A LIKELY  
CANDIDATE,  
SIR.

GOOD MATERIAL,  
ARTHUR THIS  
COMPANY IS GOING TO  
BE THE VERY BEST WE  
CAN MAKE IT. NEXT,  
PLEASE, SAR MAJOR

BEFORE COMPANY SERGEANT-MAJOR SPIKE  
VINCENT COULD BELLOW THE NEXT NAME,  
THE COMPANY H.Q. DOOR BURST OPEN.

WHAT THE HELL  
WHO THE  
DICKENS  
ARE YOU?

YOU ARE CAPTAIN  
MURRAY? RECRUITING  
VOLUNTEERS? I  
AM LIEUTENANT  
ROGER D'AUROY  
AND I MUST  
JOIN YOUR  
COMMAND!

COMMANDO



THE PASSION IN YOUNG ROGER D'AURAY'S VOICE COULD NOT PASS UNNOTICED.

WHY DO YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE COMMANDOS, LIEUTENANT?

YOU ASK WHY-IS NOT FRANCE GROANING UNDER THE BOOT OF THE FILTHY BOCHE?

ROGER D'AURAY THUMPED THE TABLE IN HIS VEHEMENCE.

MY FAMILY HAVE FOUGHT FOR FRANCE FOR OVER SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS-NOW IT IS MY TURN YOU MUST TAKE ME INTO THE COMMANDOS!

THERE WAS NO DOUBTING THE SINCERITY OF THE YOUNG FRENCHMAN CAPTAIN MURRAY GRINNED...

I NEED ANOTHER LIEUTENANT, D'AURAY YOU MAY JOIN US IF YOU WISH, BUT I WARN YOU, IT WILL BE TOUGH GOING!

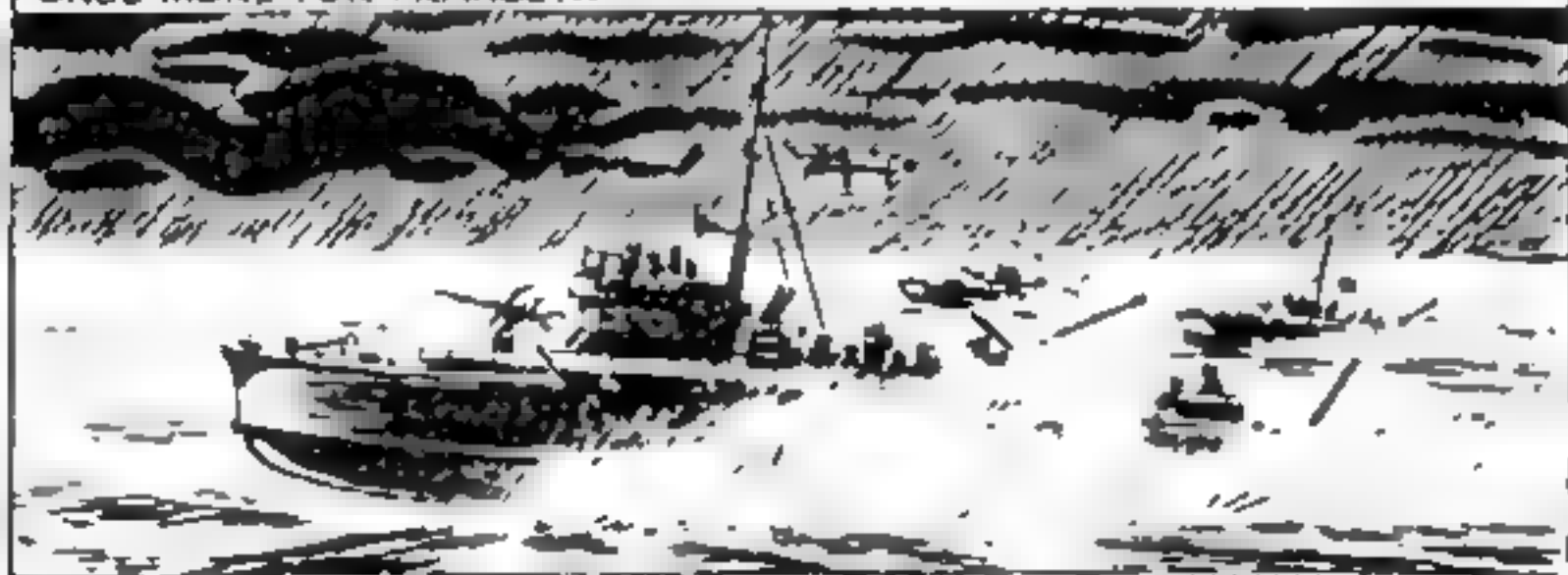
THANK YOU, MON CAPITAINE! WE'LL SHOW THOSE NAZIS THAT FRANCE WILL NEVER DIE!

AFTER WEEKS OF RIGOROUS TRAINING CAME THEIR FIRST MISSION DARKNESS WAS FALLING AS THE COMMANDOS MOVED OUT FOR A RAID UPON THE FRENCH COAST

YOU KNOW THE TARGET BY HEART—SAINT BERNARD SURPOL WE SMASH UP THE POWER STATION THERE AND RETIRE IN GOOD ORDER BEFORE DAYLIGHT ANY FRENCH CIVILIANS WHO WANT TO RETURN WITH US WILL BE TAKEN ALONG IF POSSIBLE



A SMALL FLOTILLA OF FAST MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS SCUDDLED ACROSS THE CHANNEL ABOARD ONE OF THEM, ROGER D'AUROY WAS SETTING OUT ONCE MORE FOR FRANCE...



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EXTRA!

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HIS HEART HAMMERING AS HE ONCE MORE TROD HIS NATIVE SOIL, ROGER FOLLOWED HIS BRITISH COMRADES TOWARDS THE POWER STATION

IT SEEMS LIKE A DREAM, SAR'-MAJOR THIS IS FRANCE - YET I AM NOT WELCOME HERE.

IT'S ALL QUIET NOW SIR, BUT YOU'LL GET YOUR WELCOME WHEN JERRY WAKES UP!

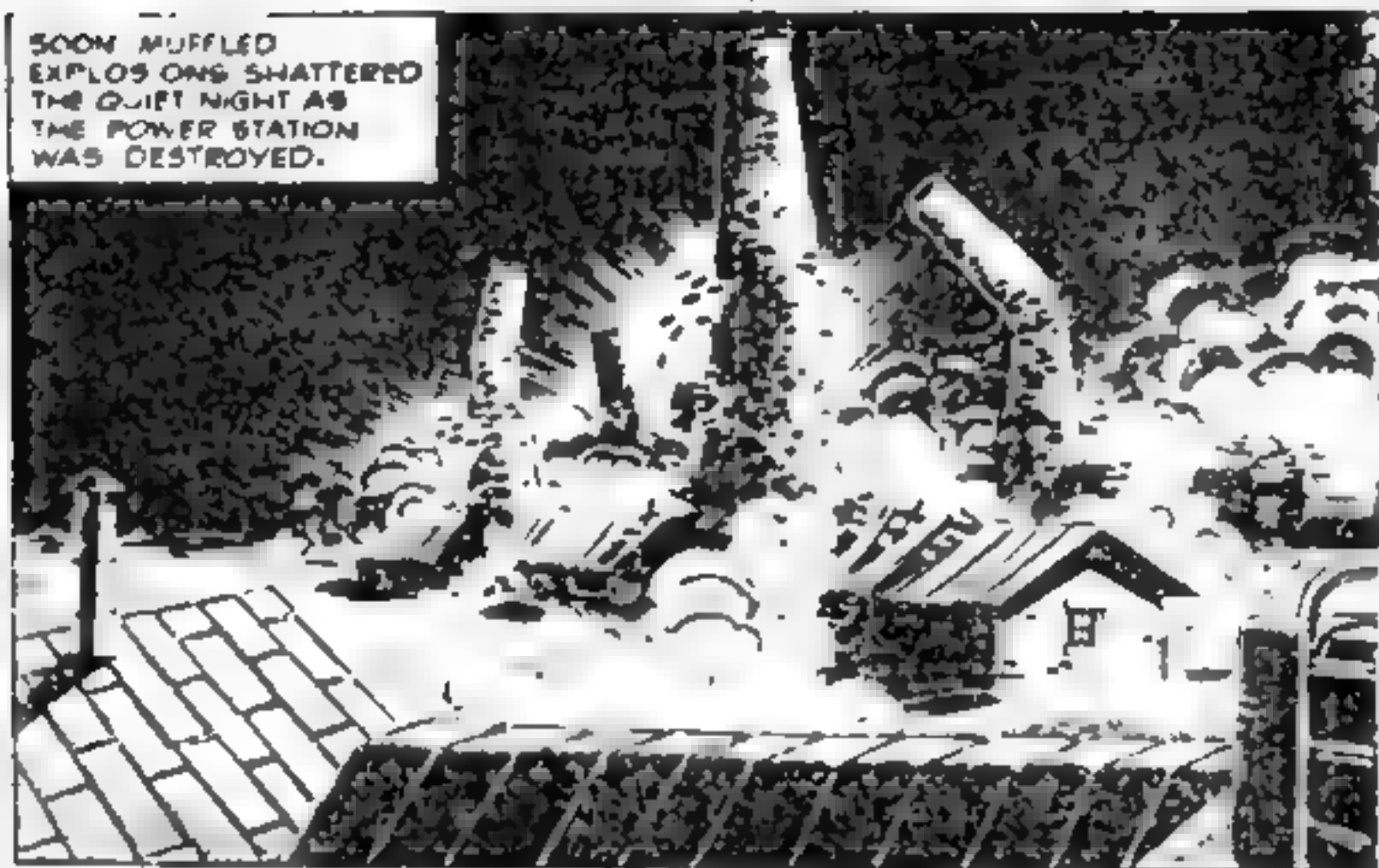
AS THE LEADING ELEMENTS OF THE RAID PUSHED ON TO THE POWER STATION, CAPTAIN MURRAY GAVE HIS LAST MINUTE ORDERS.

ROGER - IF ANY JERRIES TRY TO COME THROUGH THAT ROAD - STOP THEM!

THEY WILL NOT PASS CAPTAIN I PROMISE YOU.



SOON MUFFLED  
EXPLOSIONS SHATTERED  
THE QUIET NIGHT AS  
THE POWER STATION  
WAS DESTROYED.



ALMOST IMMEDIATELY,  
ROGER HEARD THE  
CLAMOUR OF NAZI  
ARMoured CARS  
RACING TO INVESTIGATE  
THE EXPLOSION.

HERE THEY  
COME MON  
LIEUTENANT -  
EVERYTHING IS  
READY FOR  
THEM.

WE ARE  
GOING TO  
STOP THEM  
SERGEANT  
BEFORE  
STOP THEM  
DEAD!

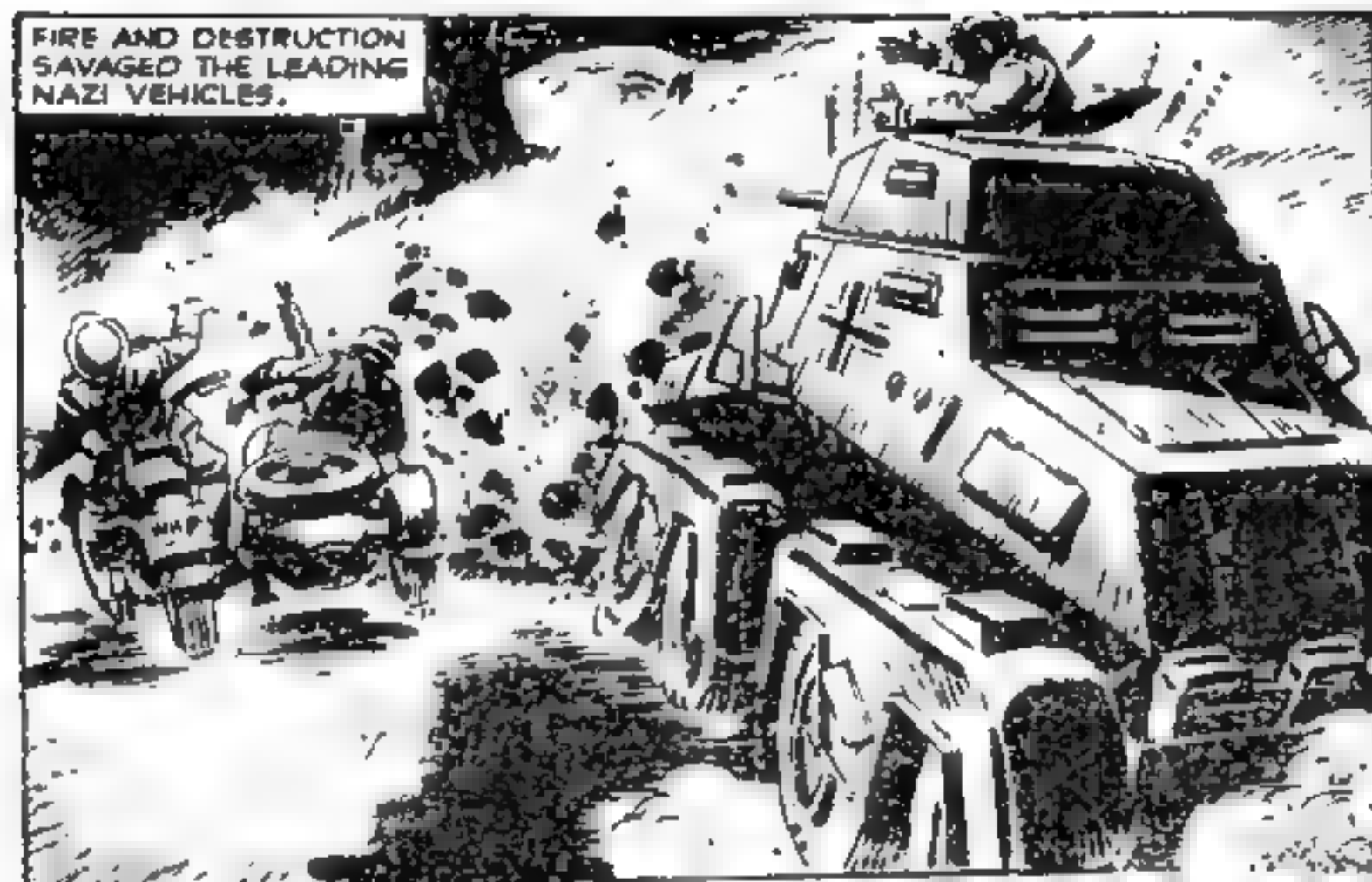


SERGEANT ALPHONSE LEFEBRE HAD MANAGED TO ESCAPE WITH THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE NOW HE LIVED FOR THE DAY HE WOULD RETURN TO HIS HOMELAND TO STAY.

FIRE!



FIRE AND DESTRUCTION SAVAGED THE LEADING NAZI VEHICLES.



BUT THE ENEMY REACTED FAST. LORRIED INFANTRY HASTILY DISMOUNTED AND BEGAN TO FAN OUT FROM THE ROADWAY.

FORWARD! SCHNELL!  
THE ENGLISH  
COMMANDOS MUST  
ALL BE WIPE  
OUT!



CASUALTIES BEGAN TO MOUNT IN THE COMMANDO RANKS BUT ROGER D'AUROY DID NOT FLINCH.

VIVE LA  
FRANCE—  
AAAGH!

WE ARE  
TOO FEW  
FOR THE TASK

WE WILL  
HOLD THEM,  
SERGEANT, UNTIL  
ORDERED TO RETIRE!





THAT COMMAND SOON  
CAME IN PERFECT ORDER  
AND DISCIPLINE THE  
COMMANDOS FELL BACK  
ON THE BEACH BEHIND  
THEM, THEY LEFT CHAOS  
AND DESTRUCTION

GOOD WORK,  
ROGER YOU  
BOUGHT US  
THE TIME WE  
NEEDED !

THANK YOU,  
SIR BUT THEY  
ARE CLOSE  
BEHIND

A LOW HOARSE CRY FROM A  
SENTRY BROUGHT THEIR  
HEADS AROUND FAST

HALT! WHO  
GOES THERE ?

WAIT~ WAIT! I AM NO  
BOCHE! TAKE ME WITH  
YOU! I HAVE MUCH  
INFORMATION FOR YOUR  
INTELLIGENCE

ABOARD H'S M.T.B. AGAIN, ROGER D'AURAY TURNED EAGERLY TO THE FRENCH CIVILIAN...

TELL ME - YOU HAVE BEEN THROUGH AURAY RECENTLY? IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT THERE?

AURAY? YES, I PASSED THROUGH TWO WEEKS AGO. I HEARD STRANGE STORIES - THE GREAT GOLDEN SHIELD OF AURAY HAD BEEN TAKEN AWAY AND THE TOWN SEEMED TO BE SUFFERING MORE THAN USUAL FROM THE BOCHE



ROGER LISTENED IN DISMAY

THEY SAID THE LADY LYSETTE D'AURAY HAD TAKEN THE SHIELD AND WITH IT THE TOWN'S PROTECTION. MEN HAVE BEEN MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARING - FIRES HAVE DESTROYED HOUSES - FEAR STALKS THE STREETS

BUT SHE DID NOT TELL ME SHE TOOK THE SHIELD! IT MUST GO BACK!



# Chapter 3. *The Commandos Strike*

BACK IN LONDON ON LEAVE, ROGER D'AURAY WENT TO HIS MOTHER'S HOUSE.

MASTER ROGER!  
YOU LOOK  
SPLENDID IN  
YOUR  
UNIFORM.

BUT IT IS NOT  
THE UNIFORM OF  
FRANCE, PIERRE  
BUT ONE DAY-  
ONE DAY WE WILL  
GO BACK!



LYSETTE D'AURAY HEARD HER SON'S VOICE  
AND RUSHED INTO THE ROOM.

ROGER! WHY DIDNT  
YOU TELL ME WHEN  
YOU WERE COMING  
ON LEAVE?

THERE WAS NO  
TIME THERE ARE  
THINGS TO DISCUSS,  
MOTHER





ROGER D'AURAY  
WASTED NO  
TIME IN POSING  
HIS QUESTIONS

YOU TOOK THE GOLDEN SHIELD OF  
AURAY FROM HOME, MOTHER BUT  
WHY? DO YOU KNOW  
WHAT'S HAPPENING  
THERE NOW?

I CAN  
GUESS THE  
BOCHE HAVE NO  
RESPECT FOR  
ANYONE OR  
ANYTHING



THE NAZIS WOULD HAVE MELTED THE  
SHIELD DOWN FOR THE GOLD YOU  
CANNOT STILL BELIEVE THOSE FAIRY  
STORIES OF THE SHIELD, ROGER YOU  
ARE A GROWN MAN. AURAY WOULD  
HAVE SUFFERED JUST THE SAME  
IF I HAD LEFT IT  
THERE!



A HEATED DENIAL BURST FROM  
ROGER D'AURAY'S LIPS.

NO! THE LEGENDS ARE TRUE!  
THEY MUST BE! AURAY HAS  
ALWAYS BEEN FORTUNATE  
BECAUSE OF THE SHIELD-  
AND YOU TOOK IT  
AWAY!



BLOWLY, DIFFIDENTLY, PIERRE INTERRUPTED THE PASSIONATE ARGUMENT BETWEEN MOTHER AND SON.

I BELIEVE IN THE LEGENDS, TOO. BUT YOUR MOTHER IS RIGHT, MASTER ROGER. THE NAZIS WOULD HAVE STOLEN THE SHIELD - IT WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST FOR EVER!

YOU COULD HAVE HIDDEN IT!

THEY WOULD HAVE FOUND IT THEY FIND EVERYTHING.

THE DECISION HE HAD MADE NERVED ROGER D'AURAY NOW TO GO AGAINST HIS MOTHER'S WISHES.

THE SHIELD MUST GO BACK! AURAY IS SUFFERING MORE THAN OTHER FRENCH TOWNS. I HAVE HEARD OF MYSTERIOUS DEATHS, DISAPPEARANCES! I MUST TAKE THE SHIELD OF AURAY HOME!



HE BRUSHED ASIDE ALL THEIR ARGUMENTS UNTIL, AT LAST, HE HELD THE SHIELD ONCE AGAIN IN HIS HANDS.

BUT THE NAZIS - HOW CAN YOU GO HOME THROUGH OCCUPIED FRANCE?

NO MATTER HOW - I WILL!

THE ANSWER TO THAT PROBLEM DID NOT COME IN THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED. ROGER GREW WITHDRAWN, INTENT ON THE JOB IN HAND, CUT OFF FROM HIS COMRADES EVEN TO VETERAN SERGEANT LEFEBRE. HE COULD NOT REVEAL THE PROBLEM THAT TORTURED HIM.

ALL OFFICERS TO REPORT TO CAPTAIN MURRAY, SIR. SOMETHING IS IN THE WIND - ANOTHER LITTLE TRIP HOME - AND BACK!





SERGEANT LEFEBRE  
SIGHED. SOMETHING  
WAS TROUBLING HIS  
LIEUTENANT'S MIND--  
AND HE WISHED HE  
KNEW WHAT IT WAS...

MON LIEUTENANT--A TROUBLE  
SHARED IS A TROUBLE  
HALVED, IS THAT NOT SO?  
WHY NOT CONFIDE IN ME?  
PERHAPS I COULD  
HELP...

SLOWLY, ROGER D'AURAY SHOOK HIS HEAD.

I AM SORRY,  
LEFEBRE TRULY  
SORRY BUT...THIS  
IS A FAMILY AFFAIR.  
EVEN YOU, A GALLANT  
SOLDIER OF FRANCE,  
WOULD SCOFF  
AT ME...

SCOFF?  
AT YOU!  
NEVER!



ROGER D'AURAY WENT ON THE RAID DESPONDENTLY HE LEFT THE SHIELD BEHIND HIS MOODINESS PERSISTED THROUGH RAID AFTER RAID AS THE WAR DRAGGED ON THE RESPONSIBILITY WEIGHED DOWN HIS SPIRITS.



BUT HE FOUGHT WELL AND DESERVED THE PROMOTION TO CAPTAIN THAT CAME TO HIM IN THE SPRING OF 1944.

THE FIRST TO CONGRATULATE HIM WAS HIS NEWLY PROMOTED COMPANY SERGEANT-MAJOR..

THE NEW MEN ARE COMING IN NOW, SIR. WHEN DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO THEM?

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, LEFEBRE WE HAVE ANOTHER IMPORTANT RAID COMING UP

THE NEW COMMANDO COMPANY FORMED UP FOR INSPECTION

RAOUL VERNIER, THE NAME IS FAMILIAR, AND YOUR FACE...

YES, MON CAPITAINE—I AM FROM AURAY.

AFTER PARADE, ROGER D'AURAY SPOKE AGAIN WITH RAOUL VERNIER

WHAT IS THE NEWS FROM AURAY?

I HAVEN'T BEEN TO AURAY FOR YEARS, S.R., NOT SINCE THE NAZIS MARCHED IN AND ALL THE NEWS I HAVE IS BAD...



AS ROGER LISTENED, A CHILL DREAD CLUTCHED AT HIS HEART.

THE FILTHY NAZIS GRIND OUR PEOPLE DOWN MERCILESSLY. NEVER HAS AURAY SUFFERED SO. THE SHIELD OF YOUR ANCESTORS WAS TAKEN AWAY AND NOW ALL AURAY PRAYS FOR ITS RETURN!



SLOWLY, ROGER D'AURAY SHOOK HIS HEAD.

I KNOW! BUT HOW CAN THE SHIELD BE RETURNED? THE NAZIS RULE NOW IN AURAY! TELL ME - HOW CAN I TAKE IT BACK?

YOU HAVE IT? THE GOLDEN SHIELD OF AURAY? HERE!



THE CAPTAIN GAVE AN ANGRY CRY OF FRUSTRATION...

YES, YES, I HAVE IT HERE! I CANNOT REST UNTIL IT IS RETURNED TO AURAY!



PERHAPS AS A RESULT OF THAT CONVERSATION, CAPTAIN ROGER D'AURAY CAME TO A DECISION ON THE NEXT RAID, HE TOOK WITH HIM THE GREAT GOLDEN SHIELD OF AURAY

DUTY, VERNIER BUT WHICH DUTY? TO THE ARMY AND MY COMRADES - OR TO AURAY AND MY PEOPLE? I HOPE I CAN DO THE RIGHT THING

'AURAY HAS NEED OF THE SHIELD, MON CAPITAIN - THERE ARE MANY COMMANDOS!



THE COMMANDOS LANDED AND MOVED SWIFTLY TOWARDS THEIR TARGET THE WEIGHT OF THE SHIELD ON HIS BACK INSPIRED ROGER D'AURAY STRANGELY, FOR HIS LONG-DEAD NAMESAKE HAD CARRIED THIS SELF SAME SHIELD INTO BATTLE

WHY DOES THE CAPTAIN BURDEN HIMSELF WITH THAT MONSTROUS PACKAGE? WHAT IS IT, ANYWAY?



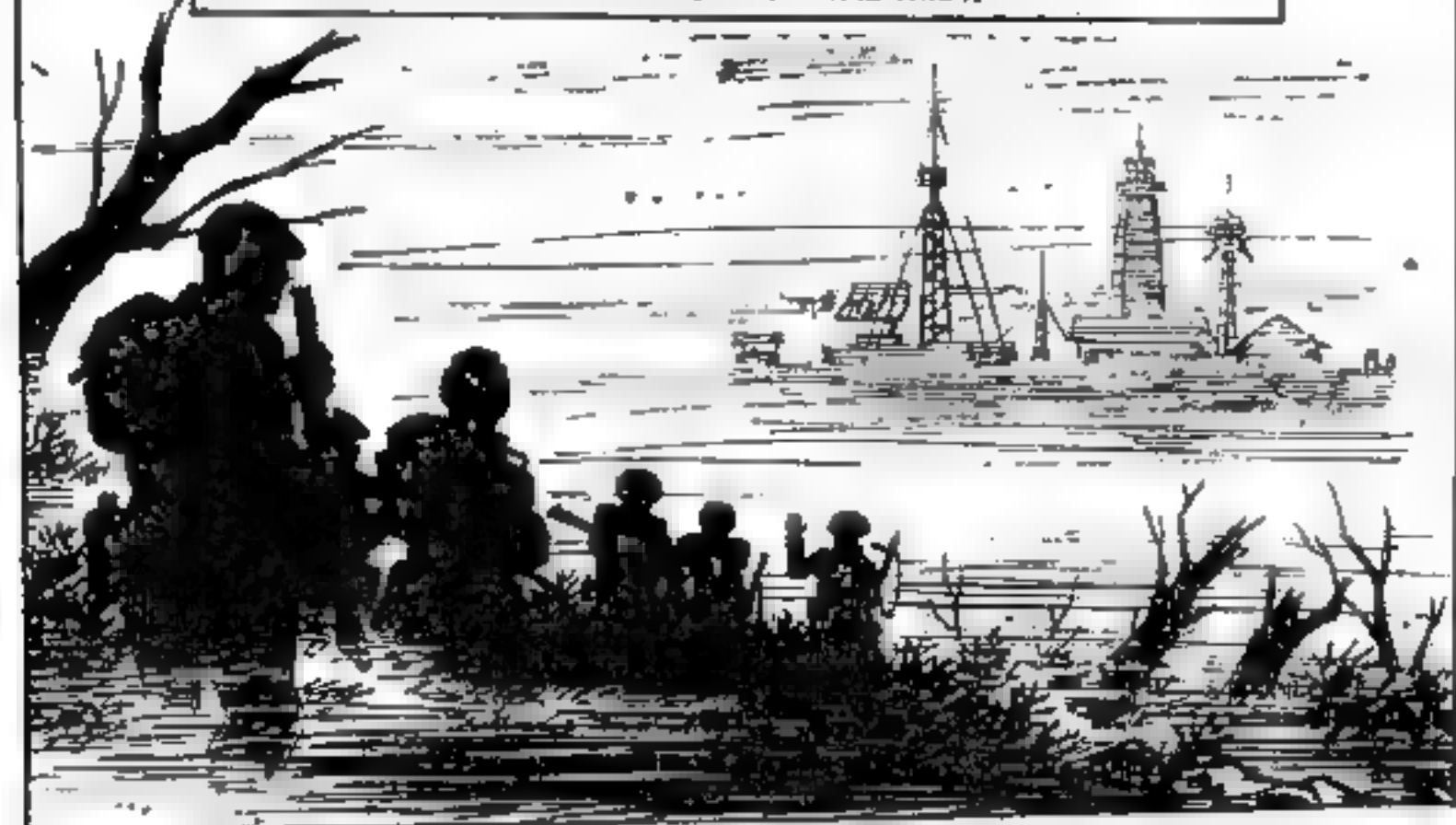
MAJOR MURRAY WILL BE RIGHT ON OUR HEELS AS WE HIT THE MAIN GUARD, LEFEBRE. WE MUSTN'T BE LATE!

TO RAOUL VERNIER, THE COMMANDO RAID TOOK SECOND PLACE IN HIS THOUGHTS TO THE DESIRE TO RETURN TO AURAY~ WITH THE SHIELD!

PRAY HEAVEN THE MASTER ISN'T KILLED BEFORE WE GET THE SHIELD BACK. ALL AURAY WILL PRAISE THE DAY IT IS RETURNED..



AHEAD OF THE COMMANDOS, THE RADAR INSTALLATIONS LIFTED LIKE WEIRD SPIRES OUT OF THE MIST.





## The Shield Of Auray

THE NAZI SENTRIES WERE JUMPY THE MIGHTY WEST WALL WAS NOWHERE NEAR COMPLETION, AND RUMOURS OF INVASION WERE RIFE AMONG ITS GARRISON.

NOTHING, HANS YOUR IMAGINATION IS WORKING OVERTIME!

DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING, GUNNAR? A CLINK OF METAL?



THAT BETRAYING CLINK HAD COME FROM RAOUL VERNIER'S RIFLE...

YOU CLUMSY OAF, VERNIER! D'YOU WANT TO TELL THE WHOLE WEHRMACHT WE ARE HERE?

I AM SORRY, SERGEANT-MAJOR. I WAS THINKING OF OTHER THINGS.



SERGEANT-MAJOR ALPHONSE LEFEBRE DECIDED THERE AND THEN THAT HE HAD TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE MYSTERY OF AURAY AND THE MEN WHO CAME FROM THAT OCCUPIED TOWN. . .

NOM D'UN CHIEN! IN ACTION AGAINST THE BOCHE - AND YOU THINK OF OTHER THINGS! VERNER - YOU AND I ARE GOING TO HAVE A TETE-A-TETE IMMEDIATELY THE ACTION IS OVER.

YES, SERGEANT-MAJOR...

LIANS AND GUNNAR SAW TOO LATE THE NEMESIS THAT SPRANG UPON THEM OUT OF THE MISTS.

GOOD WORK! QUICKLY NOW - THIS WAY!

THE COMMANDOS SOON CONTROLLED THE MAIN GATE. THEY ROUNDED UP THE REST OF THE SENTRIES AND WATCHED MAJOR MURRAY'S MAIN PARTY GO THROUGH FOR THE DEMOLITIONS.

WELL DONE, ROGER! WE NEED HALF AN HOUR CLEAR— THEN WE CAN PULL OUT

I UNDERSTAND, SIR WE'LL KEEP THE GATE OPEN.

THE NAZIS REACTED FEROCIOUSLY, FLINGING THEMSELVES STUBBORNLY AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE SITE.

HOLD THEM OFF! THEY SHALL NOT PASS!



BUT A DESPERATE, FEROCIOUS RUSH TO THE ACCOMPANIMENT OF THE HARSH STAMMER OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS BROUGHT THE NAZIS AMONG THE COMMANDO POSITIONS.

FORWARD!  
AGH!

HOLD THEM!  
DRIVE THEM  
BACK! FOR  
FRANCE!



LURID FLAME STABBED THE MIST AND HYSTERICAL SCHMEISSER FIRE AND THE HAMMER OF BRENS MINGLED AS NAZI AND COMMANDO FOUGHT HAND TO HAND.

DIE  
COMMANDO  
PIG!

LIEUTENANT!  
BEHIND  
YOU.



BEFORE ROGER COULD SWING AROUND AT THAT SHOUTED WARNING, THE COLD STEEL OF THE NAZI'S BAYONET SLASHED WICKEDLY AT HIS BACK...



THEN, SERGEANT-MAJOR LEFEBRE'S STEN CHATTERED A BRIEF AND DEADLY BURST OF FIRE.

LEFEBRE—  
THANKS!

A  
MIRACLE,  
NO  
LESS



IN THE ORDERED  
CONFUSION OF  
RE-EMBARKATION, IT  
WAS NOT DIFFICULT  
FOR ROGER

AND RAOUL  
VERNIER TO  
SLIP AWAY  
INTO THE  
MIST...

NOTHING MATTERS  
NOW BUT AURAY—  
AND THE GREAT  
GOLDEN SHIELD!  
WE MUST GET  
THROUGH!

NOW WE  
CAN LEAVE  
FOR AURAY.  
BUT WHAT MAJOR  
MURRAY WILL  
THINK OF ME  
MAKES ME

AS THE RADAR INSTALLATIONS EXPLODED,  
ROGER D'AURAY SAW HIS SERGEANT-  
MAJOR ADVANCING ON HIM, FACE  
GRIM AND UNYIELDING

DEVIL  
TAKE IT —  
THE SERGEANT-  
MAJOR!

MON CAPITAINE!  
WAIT FOR ME—I, TOO,  
WILL GO WITH YOU  
TO AURAY WITH YOU  
AND YOUR SHIELD.

ROGER D'AURAY  
GLARED AT  
VERNIER...

HOW DID HE KNOW?  
DID YOU TELL HIM,  
VERNIER?

IT DOESN'T  
MATTER  
NOW—WE  
ARE TAKING  
THE SHIELD  
BACK TO  
AURAY!

REST EASY,  
MON CAPITAINE...  
MY CONCERN IS —  
FOR YOU!

# Chapter 4. *Mark of Honour*

IN AURAY TOWN, THE PERSECUTIONS AND THE SUFFERING STILL WENT ON.

TAKE HIM AWAY SOMEONE BLEW UP AN AMMUNITION TRAIN LAST NIGHT WE WANT TO KNOW WHO DID IT!

BUT I KNOW NOTHING!



FEAR SYALKED THE STREETS. PEOPLE SPOKE IN HUSHED WHISPERS, LOOKING OVER THEIR SHOULDERS THE EVIL PRESENCE OF THE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MAJOR STOLZ, BROODED OVER THE TOWN.

THAT WAS AREA HQ THEY SAY I AM FAILING IN MY TASK - THE MAQUIS GETS STRONGER AND MORE IMPUDENT EVERY DAY. BUT I'LL BEAT THESE FRENCH DOGS YET ..





MEANWHILE THREE MEN  
HAD SLOWLY AND  
CAUTIOUSLY MADE  
THEIR WAY ACROSS  
OCCUPIED FRANCE AT  
LAST, THEY REACHED  
THE OUTSKIRTS OF  
AURAY.

IT HAS CHANGED - I  
CAN SENSE IT THE  
WHOLE PLACE LOOKS  
DESERTED!

IT'S AS  
IF THERE  
WAS A BLACK  
PALL OVER  
AURAY

INDEED,  
THERE  
IS - THE  
BOCNE!

THE RUMBLE OF  
TRUCK ENGINES  
DREW THEIR  
ATTENTION TO  
THE DUSTY ROAD  
LEADING INTO  
THE TOWN ..

NAZI  
TROOPS -  
A WHOLE  
CONVOY OF  
THEM!

I DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF  
IT THOSE TROOPS ARE NOT  
GOING TO AURAY FOR  
ANY GOOD PURPOSE!

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EXTRA!

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INDEED, THE TASK OF THOSE ENEMY TROOPS WAS EVIL BEYOND ROGER D'AURAY'S MOST BITTER IMAGINATION.



THE FINAL SOLUTION! THOSE GRIM WORDS BROUGHT A CHILL EVEN TO THE STONY HEARTS OF HAUPTMANN REISNER AND LEUTNANT SCHILLER.

AURAY HAS GIVEN US TOO MUCH TROUBLE! IT IS TO LEARN A LESSON IT WILL NEVER FORGET. EVERY SECOND MAN WILL BE EXECUTED!

KNOWING NOTHING OF THIS TERRIBLE DECISION, ROGER D'AURAY AND HIS COMPANIONS CROUCHED IN HIDING, WAITING FOR DARKNESS TO FALL...

WHAT IS YOUR PLAN, MASTER?

THE SHIELD MUST BE HIDDEN RIGHT INSIDE AURAY I AM CONVINCED OF THAT! THE BEST PLACE TO HIDE IT IS - THE OLD CASTLE!



IT TOOK THEM SEVERAL HOURS TO GET INSIDE THE ANCIENT STONE WALLS OF THE CASTLE, FOR NAZI PATROLS WERE EVERYWHERE. ONCE THERE, ROGER LED THE TWO OTHER COMMANDOS DOWN TO THE DUNGEONS.

THIS PLACE  
GIVES ME THE  
CREEPS!

THIS IS WHERE THEY  
KEPT OUR ENEMIES—THE  
SHIELD WILL LIE  
SAFELY HERE.

WE MUST  
HURRY—I  
THOUGHT  
I HEARD  
FOOTSTEPS  
ON THE  
BATTLEMENTS  
AS WE  
ENTERED.



THE SHIELD SECURELY CONCEALED IN A DARK CORNER, ROGER D'AJRAY FELT A LOAD SLIP FROM HIS MIND.

IT IS DONE!  
AJRAY WILL  
FARE BETTER  
NOW—THE  
LEGENDES PROVE  
THAT!

LOOK! THERE  
IS SOMEONE  
MOVING ON THE  
BATTLEMENTS!



BUT WHEN ROGER D'AURAY AND C.S.M. LEFEBRE TURNED TO LOOK, THAT SHADOWY FIGURE HAD VANISHED.

THAT'S NO ONE, VERNIER ...

MAYBE THERE WASN'T! EVERYONE KNOWS THE CASTLE IS HAUNTED BY THE GHOSTS OF DEAD AURAYS.

NONSENSE! NOW WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO ENGLAND. THE INVASION IS DUE ANY DAY NOW - AND I WANT TO BE THERE!

AS THEY SKIRTED THE VILLAGE, DAWN'S FIRST RAYS WERE LIGHTENING THE SKY. SUDDENLY, HARSH COMMANDS DROWNED THE CHORUS OF THE BIRDS ...

THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE OF AURAY / WHAT ARE THE BOCHE GOING TO DO?

KEEP THEM TOGETHER, DOLTS! NOT ONE MUST ESCAPE!





IT WAS RAOUL VERNIER WHO REALISED FIRST WHAT WAS HAPPENING. HE TURNED ON ROGER SAVAGELY.



THE SHIELD OF AURAY! MUCH GOOD FORTUNE IT HAS BROUGHT! SEE THERE—MY FATHER—THE MEN OF THE VILLAGE—THEY ARE TO BE SHOT!

HORROR SHOWED IN ROGER D'AURAY'S EYES. HE KNEW THEN WHAT HE MUST DO—THE ONLY THING HE COULD DO.

THIS IS NO FIGHT OF YOURS, LEFEVRE—YOU ARE NOT OF AURAY BUT I AM GOING TO FIGHT THE NAZI. PERHAPS SOME OF MY PEOPLE MAY ESCAPE.

I AM WITH YOU, MONCAPITAINE. THIS IS MY FIGHT—WE FIGHT FOR FRANCE!



AT THE CALL TO ACTION VERNIER RESPONDED BUT WITHOUT MUCH HOPE THE THREE COMMANDOS SELECTED GOOD FIRE POSITIONS THEN.



FIRE!

FOR FRANCE!

(RUN, MY FATHER! RUN!)

LEUTNANT SCHILLER DIED IN THE FIRST FUSILLADE. HAUPTMANN REISNER, RAGING, FLUNG HIMSELF OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE

TAKE COVER! THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO WIPE OUT THE LOCAL FRENCH UNDERGROUND! CALL MAJOR STOLZ FOR REINFORCEMENTS!



A CRUSHING WEIGHT OF RETURN GERMAN FIRE DELUGED THE DITCH AND BUSHES AROUND THE THREE COMMANDOS. THE WICKED SNAP OF BULLETS AROUND THEIR HEADS AND THE HAMMER OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS HALF-DEAFENED THEM.

IF WE CAN ONLY GIVE MY PEOPLE A CHANCE TO ESCAPE.

WE CANNOT LAST MUCH LONGER, MON CAPITAINE...



BUT WE'LL TAKE SOME OF THE DOGS WITH US!

TWICE, A SAVAGE ENEMY RUSH WAS REPULSED. THEN, AS THE THIRD NAZI ATTACK CAME, A STORM OF FIRE RAKED THEM FROM THE WOODS NEARBY...

SOMEONE ELSE IS FIGHTING WITH US! ALL IS NOT YET LOST!

THAT WILL BE THE MAQUIS, BUT THE NAZIS HAVE ALL THE MEN AND HEAVY WEAPONS THEY NEED IT'S BUT A MATTER OF TIME



THE SERGEANT-MAJOR'S WORDS WERE PROVED ONLY TOO TRUE SLOWLY, THE GERMANS SILENCED THE MAQUIS AND STEADILY WORMED THEIR WAY CLOSER TO THE THREE COMMANDOS THEN LEFEBRE WAS HIT.

LEFEBRE!



THE GERMANS WERE POISED FOR THE FINAL THREAT THAT WOULD SMASH MAQUIS AND COMMANDO ALIKE

THIS WILL  
FINISH THEM  
OFF! WE ARE  
PAYING OFF A  
LONG SCORE  
TODAY,  
REISNER!

JA, HERR MAJOR!  
THIS IS INDEED  
THE DAY OF  
RECKONING!



SUDDENLY, ROGER HEARD THE SOUND OF MOVEMENT AMONGST THE TREES BEHIND THEM. HE SWUNG ROUND IN ALARM—THEN GAVE A CRY OF ASTONISHMENT

HALT!  
WHO ARE—  
FATHER!

ROGER! YOU OF ALL  
PEOPLE—ON THIS DAY  
WHEN ALL AURAY  
DIES!





BUT FATHER AND SON HAD NO TIME FOR REUNIONS THE GERMAN ASSAULT WAS UPON THEM



THEN, IN THAT MOMENT OF HIS TRIUMPH, MAJOR STOLZ LOOKED UP.

*DONNER UND BLITZEN!  
BRITISH PARATROOPS!  
HAUPTMANN REISNER,  
RALLY THE MEN—  
WE MUST MAKE  
A STAND!*



WITH SUPERB SKILL, THE PRODUCT OF ARDUOUS TRAINING, THE BRITISH PARATROOPS WERE IN ACTION WITHIN SECONDS OF THEIR LANDING ROGER D'AURAY GAVE A CRY OF RELIEF

THE LEGENDS WERE RIGHT! THE SHIELD OF AURAY BRINGS PEACE TO THE VILLAGE AGAIN!

THE SHIELD! WHAT ABOUT THE SHIELD, MY SON?



ROGER SWIFTLY ANSWERED HIS FATHER'S STARTLED QUESTION.

THE NEWS OF AURAY WAS BAD—SO I BROUGHT THE SHIELD BACK. IT IS NOW IN THE DUNGEON OF THE CASTLE!

BUT—BUT WE SPREAD THOSE REPORTS ..

I HAVE LED THE MAQUIS FROM THE CASTLE ALL THIS TIME. IT IS THE NAZIS WHO WALKED IN TERROR IN AURAY!

THE GERMANS WERE ROUTED AND A PARATROOP MAJOR BROUGHT FATHER AND SON THE GREATEST NEWS OF ALL.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR DROP EASY. WE ARE TO HOLD AURAY UNTIL THE ARMY GET HERE. TODAY THE INVASION HAS BEGUN!



CHARLES D'ARAY LED THE WAY ACROSS THE SHAMBLES OF THE BATTLEFIELD TOWARDS THE OLD CASTLE.

MAJOR STOLZ AND HAUPTMANN REISNER - SO THEY RECEIVED THEIR JUST DESERTS AT LAST!

SO WILL ALL NAZIS REAP THE WHIRLWIND THEY HAVE BOWN.

THE TWO FRENCHMEN WENT DOWN TO THE DUNGEONS OF THEIR ANCESTRAL CASTLE AND ROGER POINTED TO THE RIP IN THE CANVAS COVERING THE SHIELD.

SEE, FATHER, A BOCHE BAYONET DID THAT...THE SHIELD SAVED MY LIFE.

AS IT HAS SAVED THE LIVES OF OUR PEOPLE OF AURAY TODAY! THE GOLDEN SHIELD OF AURAY DID NOT FAIL US!

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THE MARK MAY BE HONOURABLE-BUT, LOOK CLOSER, MY SON. WHAT DO YOU SEE? A THIN SKIN OF BEATEN GOLD, AND?

FATHER AND SON STARED AT EACH OTHER IN THE GOLDEN TORCHLIGHT REFLECTIONS FROM THE SHIELD OF AURAY

BRASS! THE GOLDEN SHIELD OF AURAY IS MADE OF BRASS!

BRASS! BUT WHO DID IT IN THE LONG SEVEN CENTURIES OF AURAY HONOUR? WHO?



COULD IT HAVE BEEN BRAVE ROGER OF OLD? OR, EVEN PERHAPS, LYSETTE, WIFE TO THE PRESENT SIEUR, CHARLES? WHO WILL EVER KNOW?



IT DOES NOT MATTER! WE WILL COVER THE BRASS AGAIN - WITH GOLD!

THE LEGEND HAS LASTED SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS AND MORE - IT WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE!

FOR THE STRENGTH OF A LEGEND DEPENDS NOT UPON GOLD - NOT EVEN UPON TRUTH - BUT UPON WHAT MEN BELIEVE.

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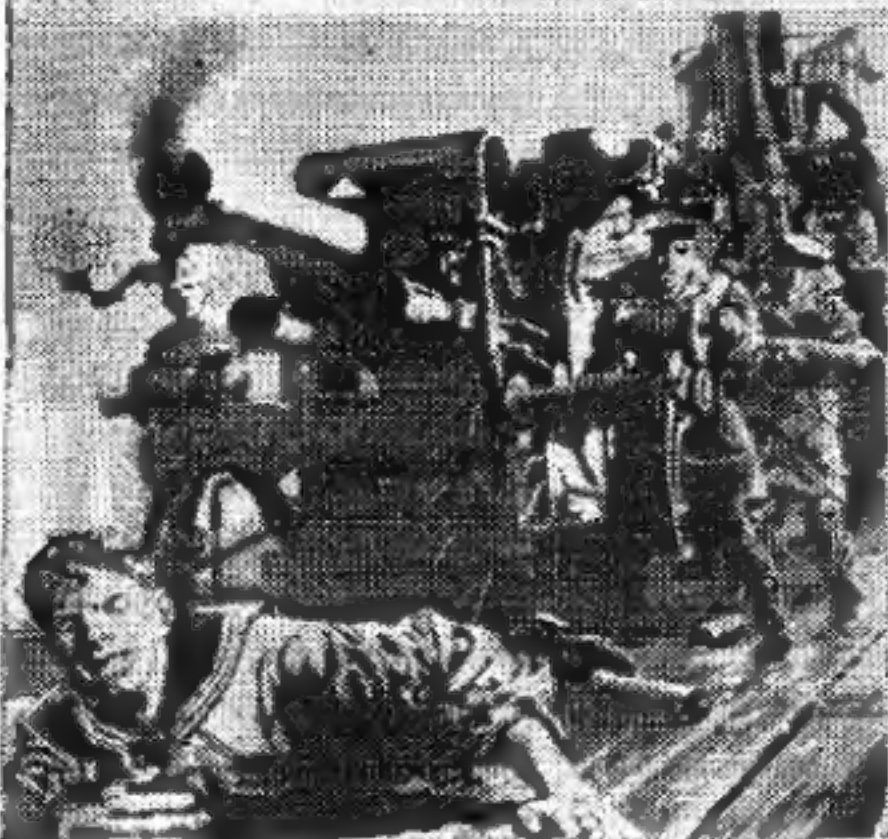
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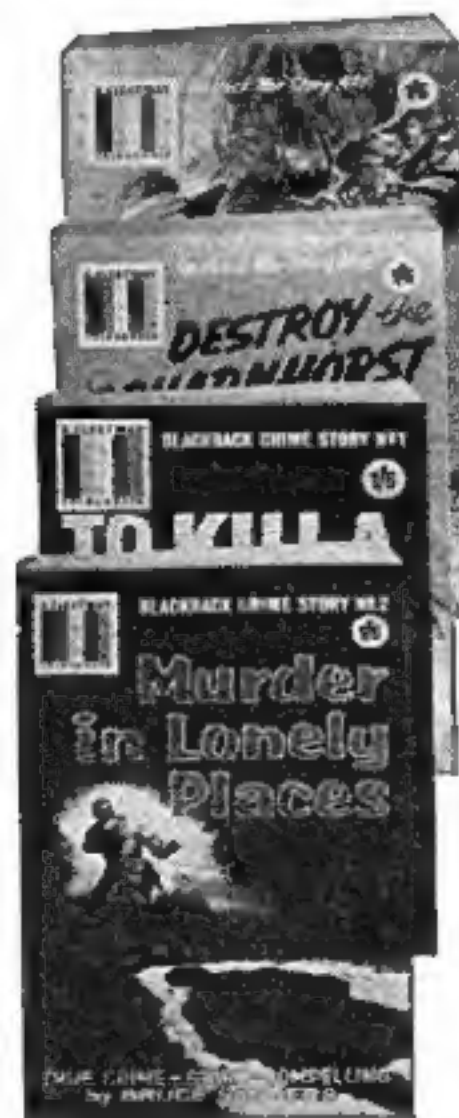
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